

**PATENT**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated February 10, 2004, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and a communication dated October 14, 2003, a Final Rejection, it is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered and made of record. It is believed that the following amendments and remarks place the application in a form for allowance, or at least, place the application in a better form for appeal. No new matter is presented, as such the amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

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